

MITRA and VARUNA, protect, the rain sends
down the
sweet (shower) from the sky.

2. Imperial rulers of this world, you
shine, MITRA
and VARUNA, at this sacrifice, the beholders
of heaven:
•we ask of you the wealth (that is) rain,
and immorta-
lity, for your forms traverse earth and
heaven.¹

3. Imperial and mighty showerers, lords
of heaven
and earth, beholders of the universe, you
approach,
MITE A and VARUNA, with variegated
clouds to hear
the sound (of your praises), and cause
the sky to
(send down) rain by the power of the
emitter of
showers.³

4. Your device, MITRA and VARUNA, is
manifested
in heaven, when the light (that is) the
sun, your
wonderful weapon, moves (in the
firmament): him
you invest in the sky with the cloud (and)
with rain;
and (thy) sweet drops, PABJANYA, fall (at
their desire).

5. The MARUTS harness their easy-
going chariot,
MITRA and VARUNA, for (the emission of)
water, as a
hero (harnesses his war-car) : their forms
traverse the
different spheres to distribute the rain: do
you, there-
fore, supreme rulers, shed upon us water
from heaven.

6. The cloud, (through your will),
MITRA and
"VARUNA, utters a wonderful sound,
indicative of ra-
diance, and announcing (abundant) food:
the MARUTS
~tlidroughly~ invest the clouds, with
(their) devices,

¹ *Vdm tanyavaJi, vistritd raxmaya?**, the expanding
rays.

² *Asuratya mdyayd* is explained *udafta
nirasituft parjan-
yasya sdmartkyena*, by the power of *Farjanya*, the
caster-forth
of water, influenced by *Mitra* and *Vat-ana* as the
deities pre-
siding over day and night.